

Media Update

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SBC to administer first Moderna COVID-19 vaccinations in Stillwater County

December 23, 2020 – Columbus, Montana. Stillwater Billings Clinic will administer its first 10 doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine on Wednesday, December 23, at 1:00 p.m. The first vaccines will go to a team of ten people that will be representing every member of Stillwater Billings Clinic health system and first responders that have been at the forefront of caring for our rural community. The team members receiving the first vaccinations will be Dr. David Kane, Dr. Richard Klee, Nick Jacobs and Courtney Hall with Columbus Fire, and 6 other essential workers from acute care, EVS, and public health services.

The CDC required that the first allocations of COVID-19 vaccines go to health care workers and those in long-term care facilities.

Stillwater Billings Clinic has been planning our vaccination effort for weeks since the announcement that Moderna would be shipping vaccines to Critical Access Hospitals across the state. The remainder of the first shipment of 100 doses will be distributed to frontline health care staff and members of Columbus Fire & Rescue beginning on Tuesday, December 29, at 7:30 a.m.

All employees of Stillwater Billings Clinic and Stillwater County first responders are essential workers and we will vaccinate them as quickly as we can. While the vaccine is not mandatory, we fully support its use and encourage everybody who does not have a religious or medical concern to consider receiving it when it is available to them.

The development and receipt of this vaccine is hoped to be a significant step in slowing the spread of COVID-19 and will help us work toward the world-wide goal of ending this pandemic as soon as possible. We are happy to be able to begin offering it. More updates and information will be shared in the days and weeks ahead, and in the meantime you can read more about the vaccine from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention by clicking [here](#).

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